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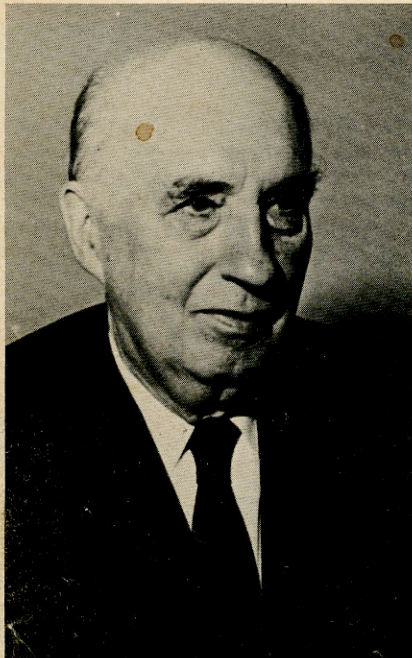
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Season's Greetings



Death Takes Rio Grande Director

Ray Garrett, 80, prominent Chicago lawyer, counsel to the board of directors of the Rio Grande Railroad since 1956 and a director of the railroad since 1960, died November 23 at Chicago.



Mr. Garrett attended a meeting of the Rio Grande board in Denver November 17.

A native of Murphysboro, Ill., he attended the University of Illinois, earned his law degree at Illinois Wesleyan University and completed post-graduate work at Northwestern University in 1925. He was official stenographer for the Illinois Supreme Court from 1910 to 1917.

Mr. Garrett had practiced law since 1916 and joined the law firm of Sidney & Austin as a partner in 1942. He was president of the Midland Subsidiary Corp., 1937-39, president of the Chicago South Shore and South Bend Railroad 1938-39, and trustee of the Indiana Railroad 1941-51. His association with the Rio Grande Railroad started in 1947 when he was appointed counsel to the escrow trustees.

He was a member and former chairman, corporation banking and business law, of the American Law Institute, member of the Illinois and Chicago Bar Association, the Newcomen Society and Phi Delta Phi fraternity.

His final resting place is in Memorial Park Cemetery, Skokie, Ill.

Cover Photo

One of Rio Grande's unit coal trains near Thistle, Utah, is the cover photo this month. A little snow is seen which lends itself to the Holiday Season. Merry Christmas to all.

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Best wishes for a Merry Christmas.

*May the peace and joy of the
Season remain with you throughout
the New Year.*

R. B. Hyndes

President

Rio Grande Railroad

Rio Grande Calendars

Sundance Limited has published a calendar which draws attention to Rio Grande's 100th Anniversary which will take place in 1970. Twelve full color photos are used, ten Rio Grande scenes and two Rio Grande Southern. Each photo was taken by a well known railroad photographer.

The calendars are offered to Rio Grande employees for \$2.50 postpaid (advertised price is \$4.00) by writing to the distributor: **Fred Becker, 10554 Paley Street, Dept. GL, North Glenn, Colorado 80234.**

1970 Census to Be More Searching

April 1, 1970 all readers of the Green Light will become involved. That's the Big Day in the 1970 census, a series which started in 1790.

The census next year will be of the do-it-yourself variety. The questionnaire will be delivered by letter carrier and each family will be asked to fill it out, using a penciled dot language that can be read by FOSDIC, the Census Bureau's ingenious scanning machine.

All questions must be answered under penalty of law.

From the decennial census, no one can learn about you. You are protected by Federal Law.

The questions asked will cover approximately 120 searching, and in some cases very personal, questions many of which are controversial.

Many Congressmen have taken issue with the U. S. Dept. of Commerce regarding these questions and have initiated bills in Congress to limit the type of questions to be asked at the next census.

Anyone interested should contact the Congressman in their district to determine the status of legislation regarding the 1970 census.

A tired Santa Claus is a Beat-Nick.

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*For that after New Year thought:
A pink elephant is a beast of bourbon.*

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*The tricycle he gave his child for
Christmas turned out to be a "tot-
rod."*

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*Everything in the modern home is
controlled by switches except the chil-
dren.*

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D. J. Davidson, Editor

Member

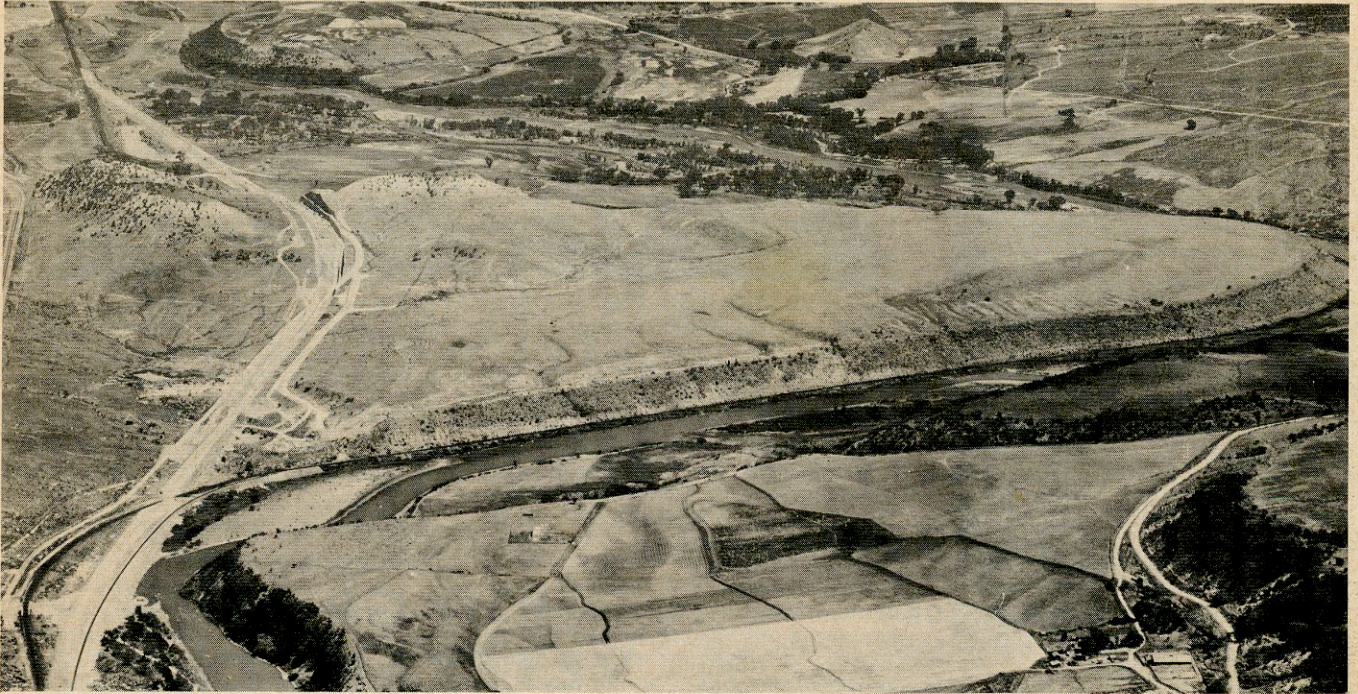
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Trains Are Rolling Through Webster Hill



WEBSTER HILL as seen from an Air Photo Survey and Global Engineering, Inc. plane while still under construction. Old line follows the hill to the right.

A dream of operating personnel on the Rio Grande for many years became a reality on December 3 when the first train proceeded through the newly constructed line through Webster Hill.

Approval for construction of the line change was given in the fall of 1968 which would reduce the main line mileage between milepost 391.10 and 395.12 by 1.33 miles.

The one and one-third mile reduction may not seem like much but in view of the fact it was in some of Rio Grande's high speed territory, the cost of construction would be offset by maintaining faster schedules and a reduction in maintenance in this area. Heavy braking was necessary in reducing the speed of trains from 70 mph to the 35 mph speed restriction in each direction around Webster Hill.

Heavy equipment, which was moved into the area in May this year, began moving earth from the hill in June. Over 800,000 cu. ft. of earth was removed and used at each end of the line change to raise the grade to the desired level. A double 12 ft. box culvert that required 800 cu. yds. of concrete and 41½ tons of reinforcing rods, was constructed at the west end of the line change to handle runoff from the hills to the north.

Continuous 136 lb. welded rail was brought to the site from CF&I Steel plant at Minnequa. Rail laying crews closely followed the heavy equipment operators and as a section of grade was completed, ties were placed in readiness for the rail.

The cut through Webster is 4,000 feet long and 120 feet at the deepest point. Shale was encountered at this point and had to be dynamited. The slopes are of the bench type which will reduce slippage of the earth sides should a heavy rain occur.

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WESTBOUND FREIGHT No. 87 was the first scheduled train on the new line change at Webster Hill.

This is the third major main line change completed in the past 26 months.

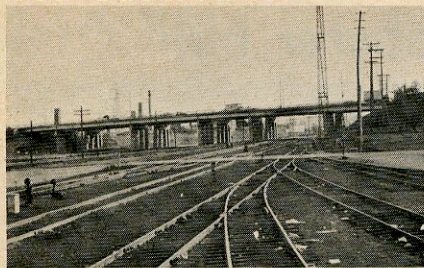
The 7¼-mile line change in South Canyon west of Glenwood Springs was completed October 9, 1967. This line change was made necessary for the construction of I-70 which is now located on the old Rio Grande right-of-way. On August 25, 1969 the 16-mile line change west of Pueblo went into service. Relocation at this point was the result of the government approved plans to construct an earth-fill dam on the Arkansas River. Approximately 25-miles of new line change are now in service.

In addition, new line changes have been made at Sunnyside, Utah and Somerset, Colo. to handle the unit coal trains at these facilities.

There is always action on the Action Road.

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You Guessed It?



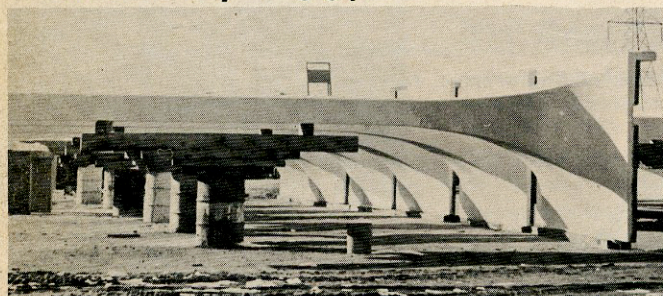
The cover photo on the November Green Light was made from a photo taken at North Yard looking south. The road crossing just beyond the switch lamps is 48th Ave. I-70 would normally appear from left to right above the train. It was removed as was the Denver skyline by art work. The same art work appeared in recent railroad magazines regarding Rio Grande's short, fast trains. (See the photo above and match the track leads.—Ed.)

Container Ship Service Is Inaugurated

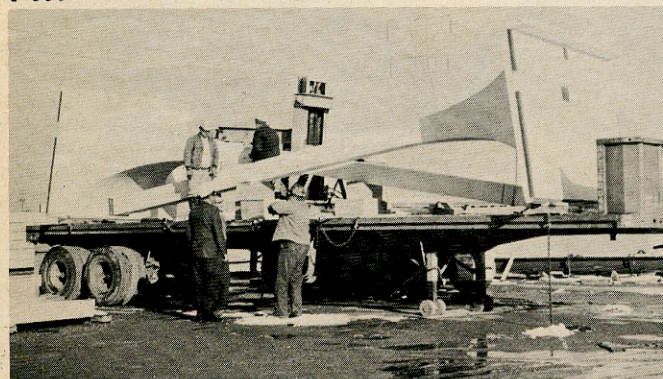


CELEBRATING THE INAUGURATION of the weekly container ship service recently, a joint venture of four firms, Japan Line Ltd., Kawasaki Kisen Kaisha, Ltd., Mitsui OSK Lines, Ltd., and Yamashita-Shinnihon Steamship Company, Ltd., are Bill Moore, Rio Grande's district representative, Los Angeles, first mate of the America Maru, seen in the background, captain of the ship in the center, next to the captain is a representative of the Burlington Railroad and E. D. Burke, district manager for the Rio Grande at Los Angeles on the right. The two young ladies aren't identified but they do add to the photo.

Concrete Pillars Will Go by Piggyback



CONCRETE PILLARS are lined up prior to loading on piggyback trailers for shipment.



TWO CONCRETE PILLARS loaded on each trailer which will be shipped by rail to Independence, Mo. Each piggyback railcar will hold two of the trailers.

Precast concrete pillars are being shipped by piggyback from Buehner Schokbeton Company's plant at Denver to Independence, Mo. where a new building, the Bureau of Information, is being erected for the Church of Latter Day Saints.

Collin Smith, operations manager for the company, said each pillar was approximately 29 ft. in length and weighed 18,000 lbs. Thirty-eight pillars, two to a flat bed loaded on flat cars, will travel by Rio Grande to Pueblo and the Missouri Pacific to destination.

Shipping the concrete pillars in this manner constitutes a saving in time and expense as well as the ease in handling, according to company officials.

RIO GRANDE VETERANS CLUBS

PRESENT:

The Silverton



TIE BARS

K-28-G—Gold Filled Tie Bar.....\$3.25 K-28-S—Sterling Silver Tie Bar.....\$2.50

THE MONTEZUMA



TIE BARS

	Plain	Enameled
Silver Plate.....RG-11	\$2.50	RG-11E \$3.00
Gold Plate.....RG-12	\$2.50	RG-12E \$3.00
Sterling.....RG-13	\$4.75	RG-13E \$5.40
Gold Filled.....RG-14	\$5.50	RG-14E \$6.25

TIE CHAINS

Sterling Enameled.....RG- 9E	\$5.40
Gold Filled Enameled.....RG-10E	\$6.25

BOLA TIES

(with Montezuma Clips)

Sterling Enameled.....RG-21E	\$4.75
Gold Filled Enameled.....RG-22E	\$5.00

CUFF LINKS

	Plain	Enameled
Silver Plate.....RG-15	\$3.50	RG-15E \$4.50
Gold Plate.....RG-16	\$3.75	RG-16E \$4.50
Sterling.....RG-17	\$5.75	RG-17E \$6.25
Gold Filled.....RG-18	\$6.50	RG-18E \$8.00

TIE TACS

Sterling Enameled.....RG-25E	\$3.50
Gold Filled Enameled.....RG-26E	\$4.00

BRACELETS

Sterling Enameled.....RG- 3E	\$4.25
Gold Filled Enameled.....RG- 4E	\$4.75
Charm Only—Gold Filled.....RG-24E	\$3.75
Sterling.....RG-23E	\$3.25

ORDER FORM

Mr. Edward M. Clark, 2701 South Utica, Denver, Colorado 80236

Please mail to me via parcel post the following items offered by the Rio Grande Veterans' Clubs:

Item No.	Quantity	Description	Amount	Mail Charge Plus Handling	Total
				30c per item	\$
				30c per item	\$
				30c per item	\$
				30c per item	\$

(ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEET FOR LARGER ORDERS)

TOTAL \$

NAME (Print)

ADDRESS (Print)

CITY

STATE

ZIP

IMPORTANT: Check or money order for total amount including mail and handling charges must accompany your order. They will be your receipt.

Transportation Problems Are Not New

In 1829, New York Governor Martin Van Buren wrote the following letter to President Andrew Jackson:

"Dear Mr. President:

The canal system of this country is being threatened by the spread of a new form of transportation known as railroads. The Federal Government must preserve the canals for the following reasons:

One—If canal boats are supplanted by railroads, serious unemployment will result. Captains, cooks, drivers, hostlers, repairmen and lock tenders will be left without means of livelihood, not to mention the numerous farmers now employed in growing hay for horses.

Two — Boat builders would suffer, and towline, whip and harness makers would be left destitute.

Three—Canal boats are absolutely essential to the defense of the United States. In event of the expected trouble with England, the Erie Canal would be the only means by which we would ever move the supplies so vital to waging modern war.

For the above mentioned reasons, the government should create an Interstate Commerce Commission to protect the American people from the evils of railroads and to preserve the canals for posterity.

As you may know, Mr. President, railroad carriages are pulled at the enormous speed of 15 miles per hour by engines, which, in addition to endangering life and limb of passengers, roar and snort their way through the countryside, setting fire to the crops, scaring the live stock and frightening women and children. The Almighty certainly never intended that people should travel at such breakneck speed."

Retirement Banquets

Retirement Banquets will be held for those who retired during 1969 at the following locations:

Denver.....Monday, Jan. 26
Silver Glade Room
Cosmopolitan Hotel, 6:30 p.m.

Grand Junction.....Thursday, Jan. 29
Cafe Caravan, 7:00 p.m.

Salt Lake City.....Saturday, Jan. 31
Prudential Building, 6:30 p.m.

Pueblo.....Tuesday, Feb. 3
Minnequa Club, 6:30 p.m.

Alamosa.....Wednesday, Feb. 4
Elks Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Congress Is Concerned With Passenger Trains

Thomas M. Goodfellow, president of the Association of American Railroads, revealed the following when he appeared as a witness before Congress regarding the passenger train situation.

The nation's railroads recognize the growing seriousness of the passenger transportation problem, but it is a national problem in which the railroads are involved.

If rail passenger service is essential to the solution of available public transportation problem, railroads should have equal consideration dealing with the matter, which refers to public expenditures for highways, waterways and airports.

Passage of a bill that would authorize the federal government to reimburse railroads for losses sustained on intercity passenger trains would in no way halt or impede the hopes and plans of those who feel they might, at some time in the future, come up with a more desirable, but as yet undefined, solution.

Major railroads and the Pullman Company, between 1946 and 1958, invested more than \$1.3 billion in passenger train equipment. During those same years, passenger traffic dropped from 72.9 to 31.1 percent while the airlines share increased from 2.7 to 38 percent. The private automobile during this period rose from 58.8 percent to 90.1 percent. With this in mind the trend becomes obvious that it was the public who deserted the railroads and for understandable reasons: bigger and better highways, the flexibility of the family automobile and the speed of commercial airlines. The railroads had gambled on the traveling public and lost.

The nation's railroads cannot afford to sustain losses of this magnitude as it is requiring a cutback in more essential areas in their operation.

Expenditure for new cars, locomotives and other capital improvements are necessary for survival and the railroads haven't generated enough cash through depreciation charges and retained income to cover these expenses since 1962.

The railroads cannot afford to carry unwanted services without jeopardizing the industry's entire financial structure.

Tom: "I see you've bought your wife a mink coat to keep her warm."

Jerry: "I didn't buy her a mink coat to keep her warm, I bought it to keep her quiet."

* * *

Personnel manager to beautiful blond: "You're just the type we're looking for. We've decided to let some of our computers go."

Seaton Is Appointed Asst. Gen. Auditor

H. Ward Bushacher, vice president Finance and Comptroller, announced the appointment of Barry R. Seaton as assistant general auditor effective November 17.

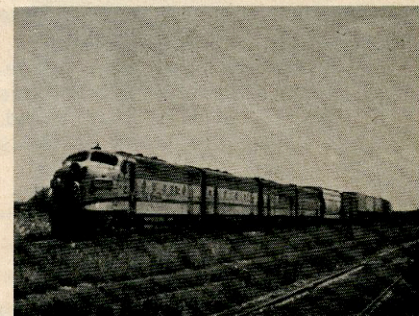


Seaton, a native of Denver and a graduate of Denver University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration, joined the Rio Grande as a relief clerk at Littleton in Sept. 1956.

As accounting is his forte, he transferred to the Accounting Dept. as a messenger in Rio Grande's General Offices in November 1956. He subsequently held positions as clerk, disbursement clerk, timekeeper, assistant to auditor, Disbursement Accounting, systems programmer in the Data Processing Dept., senior transportation programmer and was appointed manager of Datanet Programs, Management Information Services at Denver in April 1969.

Seaton and his wife, Tobe, have three children, two boys and one girl.

RG Locomotives Visit IC




It wasn't a case of mistaken identity nor was it a case of the lost locomotives when four Rio Grande F-7's were seen at the head end of an 81-car train near E. St. Louis, Ill. on July 27. The units were on loan to the Illinois Central Railroad for a short period of time. Charles W. Orme, I. C. brakeman, a member of the crew, supplied the photo.

RECENT APPOINTMENTS

R. J. Byrd..... Asst. Manager of Datanet Programmers, Denver
 R. J. Freppel..... Asst. Equipment Coordinator, Denver
 E. A. Roe..... District Representative, Denver
 B. R. Seaton..... Asst. General Auditor, Denver
 R. L. Taylor..... Director of TOFC & Govt. Traffic, Denver
 H. E. Wood..... Chief Dispatcher, Denver

**USE
CHRISTMAS SEALS.**



**IT'S A MATTER OF
LIFE AND BREATH.**

CHRISTMAS SEALS FIGHT
EMPHYSEMA, TUBERCULOSIS,
AND AIR POLLUTION

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Safety Is Personal

Accident prevention is a personal matter.

Roy Eno, Rio Grande's director of Safety and Rules, suggests each employe on the system practice safety and keep the following in mind:

Work Safely on the job.

Have Regard for the safety of your fellow employes at all times.

Use Your Knowledge and influence to prevent accidents.

Call Attention to unsafe conditions and practices.

Contribute Your Ideas, suggestions and recommendations for the improvement of safety.

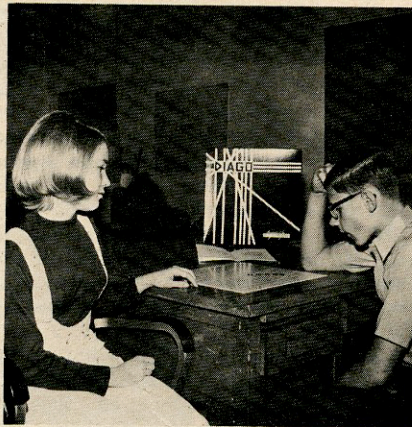
Giving full cooperation to the above will contribute to an effective safety program on the Rio Grande.

"DIAGO"

The R G Company, Rio Grande's sponsored company in the Junior Achievement program, is in full production with a fun game called Diago.

This interesting game for two is played on a board 15x15 inches with 20 vertical and 20 horizontal lines. 400 markers, about the size of a dime, in two colors are used. Object of the game is to construct a vertical, horizontal or diagonal lines using five markers of one color. When a player gets three markers in a row and be able to place another at either end, he must call out "Diago" so the opposing player is alerted and could lose the game.

Orders are now being taken for delivery before Christmas. It is a game that can be played all year 'round. Try your luck with Diago by filling out the coupon below.



DIANA PERSINS and Paul Gavora are engrossed in playing the game, DIAGO, a product being manufactured and marketed by R G Company in the Junior Achievement program.

Please reserve a Diago game for:

**R G Company — P. O. Box 5482
 Denver, Colorado 80217
 c/o Rio Grande Railroad
 Attention: Larry Parsons
 Traffic Dept.**

Enclosed is \$3.00 for each Diago game
 plus 75c for postage. (A Junior Achievement Product) Phone No. _____

Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Suggestions

The following suggestions were adopted previously. Identification stub should be mailed to the Personnel Office to claim award.

19115—Rubber stamp in regard to reclaiming cars.

21394—Silicone sealer for bar and contact assemblies of power contactors.

Suggestions received to date and being discussed.

17618	19597	20647	21396
18163	19609	20662	22135
18767	19612	20684	30512
19120	20565	21365	30513
19124	20630		

Suggestions for various reasons not adopted. Employe may send in the identification stub for reason if further information is desired.

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The Grande People

Retirements

By Ann Eckberg

Herbert F. Beck, Salt Lake City, Clerk, 70, Oct. 1.

Walter E. Butz, Denver, Machinist, 65, Oct. 1.

Jesse J. Campbell, Grand Junction, Loco. Engineer, Sept. 20.

William P. Carey, Denver, Supvr. of Car Utilization, 65, Oct. 1.

Lyle L. Carstenson, Denver, Carman, Oct. 1.

Lloyd M. Chandler, Denver, Machinist, 65, Oct. 1.

Andrew C. Dick, New York, Eastern Traffic Manager, 65, Oct. 1.

John C. Pounden, Jr., Clerk, 65, Oct. 1.

Charles H. Shaver, Pueblo, Loco. Engineer, 68, Sept. 27.

Ward P. Smith, Grand Junction, Asst. Chief Clerk, 69, Aug. 26.

William U. Stallins, Denver Machinist, 70, Oct. 1.

Bernabe Trujillo, Ft. Garland, Sect. Laborer, 53, Aug. 21.

Ralph H. Utter, Phippsburg, Carman, 70, Oct. 12.

Vivian A. Wilson, Salt Lake City, Switchman, 62, Sept. 8.

Losses

By Betty Hancock

Patrick F. Barrett, Atkinson, Neb., B&B Carpenter, 81, Sept. 1969.

Stanley M. Crocker, Long Beach, Cal., Brake-man, 62, Sept. 1969.

George H. Dunbar, Denver, Brakeman, 98, Oct. 6.

John E. Dunlap, Denver, DC&H Waiter, 66, Oct. 7.

Frank E. Elliott, Grand Junction, Carman, 62, Nov. 22.

Harry M. Frederickson, Denver, Engineer, 67, Sept. 18.

Arthur R. Fry, Denver, General Foreman, 81, Oct. 22.

Tom Gouvvis, Salt Lake City, Carman, 71, Nov. 18.

Roff G. McLean, Mesa, Ariz., Engineer, 72, Sept. 1969.

Charles Merrow, Littleton, Agent-Operator, 94, Oct. 10.

Roy V. Olsen, Chama, Machinist-Helper, 77, Nov. 5.

Louis P. Schwartz, Denver, Conductor, 82, Sept. 19.

Troy W. Scott, Grand Junction, Carman, 74, Nov. 3.

Ralph B. Williams, Salt Lake City, General Agent, 71, Nov. 4.

Let's Get Acquainted With the Rio Grande

(Part XX)

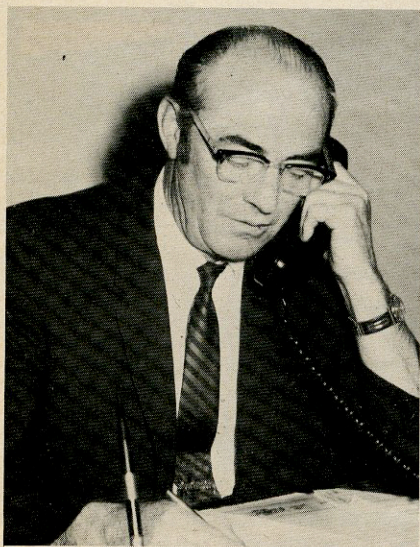
Getting acquainted with Rio Grande's forces at Burnham will take several issues of the Green Light as this is the home base for all of Rio Grande's major mechanical operations.

Many changes have taken place at Burnham through the years. Locomotives still undergo a complete overhaul at this important facility. The machine shop is one of the most modern in the railroad industry. During the steam era, it wasn't uncommon to tear a locomotive down and rebuild it to Rio Grande's specifications. This is not required to that extent today as diesel units can be traded in on newer units when they have served their purpose.

One of the changes that is readily noticeable is the roundhouse, a necessity in the days of steam. Where it once stood is now the storage area for track equipment. Soot and cinders, a common sight in days gone by, are no longer seen in the shop area. The turntable is still in operation that once lined up the mammoth 3700's for their stalls. The Commissary has only the California Zephyr diners to service.

The Green Light will try to cover each phase of operation at this facility over the next few months.

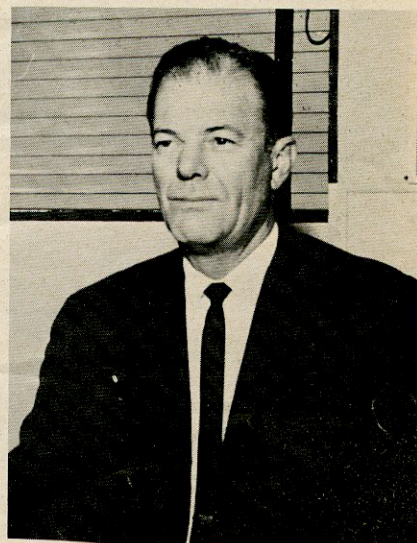
The journey through the shops will begin with the Master Mechanic's office for the System and the men working in the diesel locomotive shop.



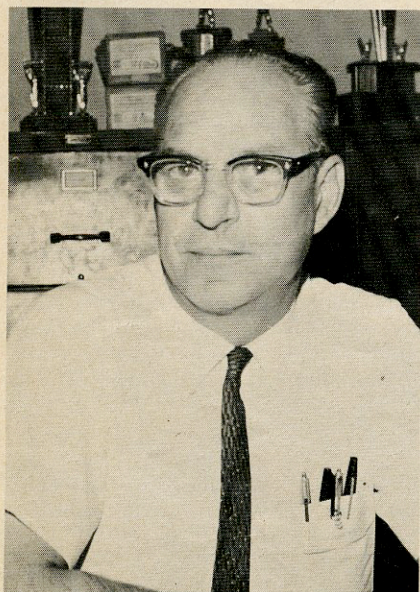
G. H. "RED" MacDONALD, shop superintendent, keeps in touch with each department at Burnham and North Yard.



MEL HENLEY division car foreman's territory covers all of the Colorado Division including the narrow gauge.



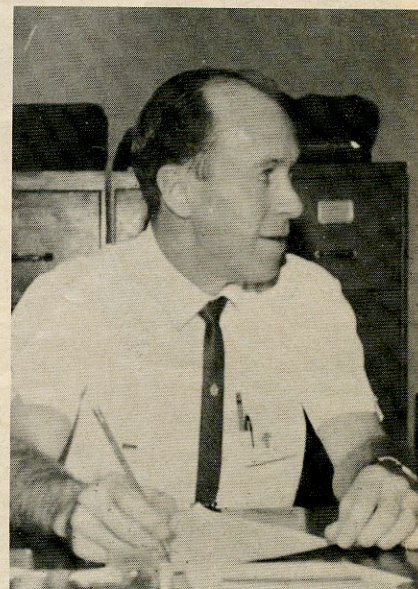
ED ALLEN as system master mechanic has a large responsibility as all mechanical operations on the Rio Grande are under his jurisdiction.



AL HAMILTON is the genial chief clerk and right hand man in the Burnham shops.



BERTHA ROWLANDS is the stenographer in the Master Mechanic's Office.



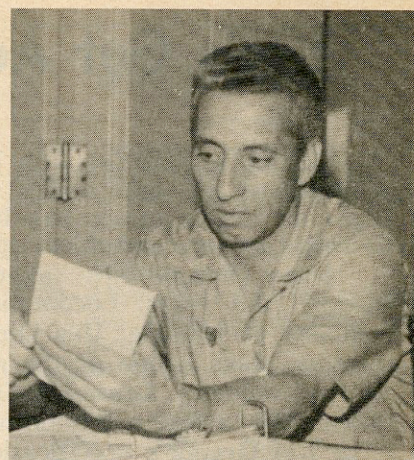
"ANDY" ANDERSON is the assistant chief clerk at this important facility.



RON E. LEBSACK is the general locomotive foreman located at Burnham.



MECHANICAL LABORER Flora Griego's duties include being a time clock watchman.



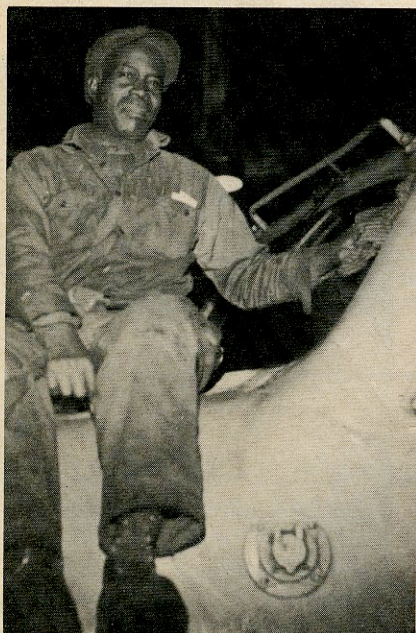
BONI GALLEGOS as mechanical laborer also checks the time cards.



BILL HURST, machinist helper, is shown dismantling a locomotive journal.



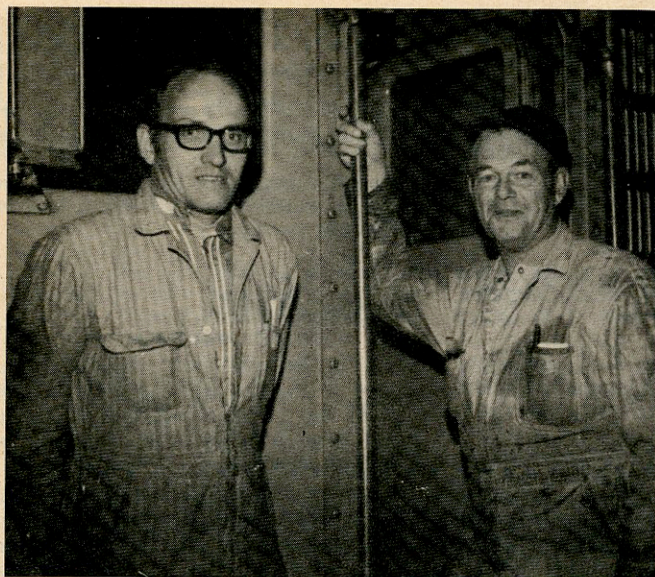
ART MURPHY, labor foreman, center, is shown with Herb Jones, left, and Henry Bauer, diesel maintenance supervisors.



WILLIE WHITE, mechanical laborer, is putting the final touches on an F-9 unit.



CHECKING THE SAND BOX finds A. W. Mueller, pipefitter, left, Harold Jordan and Al Collier, sheet metal workers, performing this task.



ELECTRICAL CIRCUITS ARE CHECKED by Ken Nelson and Ed Johnson, electricians, on this F-9 unit.



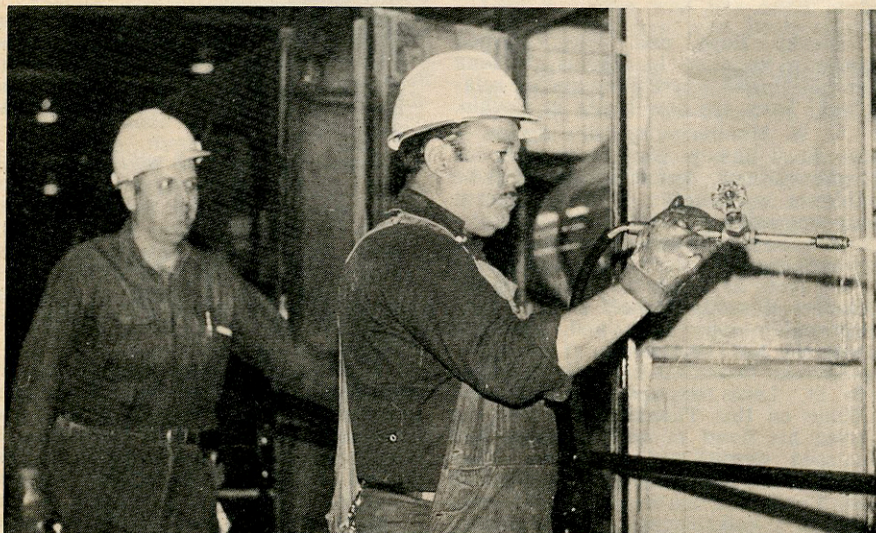
CHANGING A CYLINDER ASSEMBLY, Mike Candelaria, left, and Richard Phillips, machinists, are shown.



MAKING A FINAL INSPECTION on a California Zephyr diesel unit are from left, Ernie Silva, electrician apprentice; Tom Castaneda, machinist helper; Pete Greenmeyer, electrician; and James Shapard, machinist inspector.



EWING McKELVEY, machinist, is checking a main bearing screen.



DIESEL UNITS ARE THOROUGHLY CLEANED when in the shop. Doing the chores are George Pana, left, and Jose Ortiz, mechanical laborers.

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CLAUDE RAMSEY, machinist, adjusts the brake travel on a GP unit for perfect operation.

Rail CHATTER on the Grande

Utah Division Office

By Fae Lundberg

An open letter to C. E. McEnany, former Utah Division superintendent.

Once upon a time there was a superintendent, who retired in 1964, has not been forgotten by the employees in the Utah Division office. He will be long remembered for his abilities. Employees here were happy to read some news regarding him in the October issue of the Green Light. Hope he will visit Roper sometime, soon.

Would like to congratulate the R. E. Davises on the arrival of their new son, Kerry Glen.

A. H. "Bob" Nance achieved the 32nd Degree of Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Free Masonry at ceremonies on November 15. Congratulations are extended.

M. E. "Matty" Mathewson, maestro of the CTC board on the night shift, hasn't been forgotten. He has been keeping the trains moving at night for a good many years. Matty had his children home for Thanksgiving and he was the chef.

Al Martin, retired division car foreman, is busy as ever campaigning for a seat in the Salt Lake City Commissioners office. Al will also be president of a group of Little Leaguers this year. Mrs. Martin has been ill, hope she will feel better soon.

Bruce Thornton is back on the job after his recent illness.

J. Huntsman and his group of deer hunters brought back six deer from a hunting trip. Dean Pitts' hunting was for the birds as he went duck and pheasant hunting.

Deepest sympathy is extended to Marden Despain on the passing of his father. Sincere condolences to T. J. Nicholes, whose sister passed away back east.

J. E. West, claim agent, underwent knee surgery recently. Wish him a speedy recovery.

Bob Brown, asst. chief dispatcher, had an early vacation as the result of the mumps. He spent one of the weeks of his vacation in the hospital. His family escaped the affliction and he is pleased it is all in the past.

Dan Monson and Reese Llewelyn have been active in the KSL Radio "Quarters for Xmas Fund" which purchases shoes for needy children. KSL, sponsor of the program, thanks the Rio Grande employees over their radio programs for their donations.

Art Mayfield, retired car distributor, has been enjoying his retirement. He purchased a camper and has spent much of his time seeing the U.S.A. and fishing at Strawberry, Flaming Gorge, visiting Yellowstone and the southern part of Utah. Art and his wife have big plans for the future which includes Christmas in Salt Lake City, off to Florida in January and if all goes well they will fly to Hawaii.

Burnham Diesel Shop

By Elmer Schaefer

The Harry Owens are the proud grandparents of a granddaughter, Michell Lynn, born Nov. 7 to Chuck and Sharon Carillo.

Art Rice and wife were pleasantly surprised when they accidentally ran into W. R. Connelly and wife at a Salida restaurant.

Sincere sympathy is extended to the family of John Weber in the loss of his wife, to the family of W. R. Truckenmiller in the loss of his twin sister, and to the family of U. S. Herrell, retired sheet metal worker, who passed away recently.



WILLIAM STALLINS, retired Burnham machinist, above, proved his skill as a hunter. The first day of the season in the Frying Pan area, he brought down an elk with four points on one side and five points on the other. The final day of the season, he was visiting Al Bronish and wife at Bowie when deer were seen across the river. Sharpshooter Bill brought down a buck which proved a coincidence as it, too, had four points on one side and five on the other. Nice going, Bill.

Sparky Boyd and wife returned from a vacation in Illinois, Indiana and Michigan where they visited relatives. They are now living in Pueblo.

G. W. Mueller is sporting a new ½ ton Ford pickup. He also reports his brother-in-law, Arnold Taylor, will be able to walk again after his recent hip operation.

The Wayne Summers are the proud grandparents of a granddaughter born Nov. 23 in Seville, Spain to the Robert Russells. Robert is a carman apprentice on leave and stationed with the Air Force there.

Harold Brack and family motored to St. Louis to visit grandparents. While on this Thanksgiving visit, he tried his hand at quail hunting and missed every one of them. They visited the Gateway to the West at St. Louis and all in all a 1,700 mile trip in a Volkswagen is an experience in itself.

Glad to have J. H. Moon back on the job after his recent stay in St.

Joseph's Hospital. He seems to be having back trouble from a fall on the ice.

Roper Yard

By John Barron

K. M. Bullock, asst. chief clerk, has been in the hospital for surgery. Reports are he is doing well. Hope he will have a speedy recovery and be back to work soon.

Morris Pulley, clerk, has been off work due to hepatitis. Recovery from this malady is a slow process and he expects to be away from work for some time. Wish him a speedy recovery.

Ogden

By Frank Burch

Many wild stories were brought in from the hills during the big game hunting season. Heard in the yard office was how much lead an animal can carry without going down on all four and the gory sight on the hills.

Lucky ones to bring home the venison were Phil Vodopich, carman, a deer and an elk; Ed Anderson, agent, a five-point buck; David Chapman and Dave Harmon, clerks, who brought home a doe; and Dan Burch, switchman, who claims he shot the antlers off his kill. Ogden's big game hunter Mike Daz, who claims the most kills of other years, was skunked this year.

Harry Stone, carman, is extra happy this year. In addition to bringing home a deer from Sheep Canyon near Spanish Fork, his daughter, Joyce, and husband, Neil Howard, presented him with a grandson, his first. He has a granddaughter and three daughters, so, another male in the family seems good to him.

The Hunt brothers, Jimmy and Olie, spent part of their vacation in Idaho and Utah exercising their dogs while pheasant hunting. They did get some birds but the dogs wondered if it was worth it.

Toots Furniss and wife along with the Frank Burches enjoyed the dinner and games with the Salt Lake Vets Club for Thanksgiving. Wish to thank them for allowing this participation. Cliff Crawford and wife were missed at the party as a result of sickness. Hope to see them back in circulation soon.

Ogden and Clearfield employees are invited to attend the Christmas dinner and dance which will be held at the Ramada Inn, Monday, December 29 at 7:30 p.m. Those who so desire will meet at 6:30 for a social hour. Retired employees, wives and widows of employees are also invited. Please make your reservation with Toots Furniss, Olie Hunt or through the agent's office.

From the White House Management Information

By Veronica Spero

Belated condolences to Lorraine Towner with the passing of her mother, Alice Carroll, Sept. 29.

A speedy recovery is wished to Veronica Spero's father who is ill in Nebraska. She is on leave at present to be with him.

Those who are having a nice fall vacation in this department are Joe Warrick, Wayne Halliburton and Donna Ohman. Carolyn Brown spent Thanksgiving with her family in Missouri. Dottie Healy is on leave.

Congratulations to Mary Newsome on her new daughter-in-law.

We have a report that pheasant hunting isn't too good this year for Dale Gipe and Bill Wier.

Condolences to the Rickett family on the loss of Lee's father.

Communications

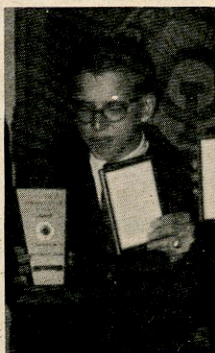
By Jim Chavies

Realignment of positions in this department finds C. E. Jordan displacing Mel Miller, Miller displacing A. A. Griego, who is now working the extra board. Brad Arvin has been furloughed. A. Gallegos displaced Bob Nance, who in turn bumped D. M. Moe, now working the extra board.

C. E. Jordan has been on vacation. Bob Grawey and family spent Thanksgiving at Peoria, Ill. D. D. Farlow and family went to Salida for Thanksgiving.

Witt Brown is the maintainer in DC telegraph and O. E. Miller transferred to the radio shop at North Yard.

Gary Halfacre was one of four boys honored in Youth Appreciation Week by the Cinderella-Brookridge Optimist Club on November 12 for outstanding accomplishments throughout his schooling. Sponsored by member Lynn Massa, who asked Gary to write his own autobiography from the time he started in Boettcher School until graduation last June. Some of his accomplishments include captain of the basketball team, membership in Quill and Scroll, on the Student Union for three years, graduation escort and many others.



Revenue Accounting

By Walter Brooks

Employees in this department have just about exhausted their vacations for this year with the exception of a few will be taking theirs over the holidays. Among those enjoying recent vacations were Jim Jamison, Ben Klodt, Fletcher Norton, Al Green, Margaret Creager, Dicie Andrews, Jean Linville and Anna Marie Runge.

A cordial welcome is extended to Betty Hancock who transferred to this department from the Personnel Office.

Pleased to report that Ed Hughes

and wife, Vivian, are enjoying good health and their retirement.

A speedy get well is wished for the wife of Jim Pitney who is recuperating at home after a stay in the hospital.

Wish all a very Happy Holiday Season and may Good Health and Prosperity be yours for the coming year.

Expenditure Accounting

By Don Webster

Vacationing employees were Herman Creager who spent an enjoyable week working on his farm east of Aurora, and Bill Fulham who visited his mother at Oakland.

Elaine Leonard is very happy that her daughter's wedding is now history while on vacation. She reports there were many crisis during the wedding day.

Sincere condolences to Harry Johnson on the death of his brother. Belated condolences are extended to Janice Ricketts on the passing of her father-in-law. C. Ted Driesbach also suffered the loss of an uncle in Wyoming.

A hurry and get well is wished for Betty Amicone's hubby, Lew, who is recuperating at home after a stay in the hospital.

Traffic Dept.

By Bob Hulstrom

Pleased to see Lou Wurm back after a sojourn in the hospital. Hope he is in tiptop shape now.

Congratulations to Al and Darlene Fjeldsted on the birth of a son.

Welcome to Harold Veal to this department. Harold was previously in Engineering Dept.

From the Top

By Irene Vogel

The Richard Hambrick family is getting the best Christmas present of all. They are looking forward to the arrival of son, Don, who has been serving with the 4th Infantry Division in the Central Highlands of Vietnam for the past year-and-a-half. Welcome home, Don, from all of us.

Wishes for a speedy recovery to Lew Amicone who has been in the hospital but has now been allowed to go home.

After suffering through the throes of moving, the Lane Johnsons are enjoying their new home at 1260 So. Fillmore St. in Denver.

The Glenn Kellers really celebrated Thanksgiving, first having one of their own on Thursday, and then joining Fort Morgan friends for another one the following Sunday. Glenn certainly must have stopped counting calories.

What's this about the Denver Rocket scouts contacting Chuck Curd? It seems he can throw an accurate backhand—the wastebasket at 10 paces is his goal.

Personnel

By Betty Hancock

Donald Fortner, son of Harmon, marched in the Veterans' Day Parade with the Kennedy High School Band. He plays the snare drum.

Relatives of the Harmon Fortners flew in from Milwaukee and West

Bend, Wisc., for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Others in this department who were on vacation over Thanksgiving were Ernest Sampson, and Ann Eckberg.

Best wishes to Betty Hancock, who has transferred from the Personnel Dept. to Revenue Accounting. (As a result of this transfer, Betty will no longer be reporting for the Green Light. Many thanks.—Ed.)

Provo

By R. R. Rackele

The Bob Paces traveled to Las Vegas for a few days of relaxation while on vacation.

Proud grandparents in this area for the second time are the Duane Birds.

Congratulations to Glenda Lee Bleggi, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Bleggi, and Larry David Bringhurst, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Bringhurst, who were married recently.

Marlin Yates, son of Monte, is home after a six-month training hitch in the Army.

Sincere condolences to the family of Bud Jackman on the recent passing of his father.

Alamosa

By Lee Jordan

Oda Parker, wife of former engineer Charlie Parker and an active member of Alamosa Vets Club No. 7, recently returned from an enjoyable trip to Mesa, Ariz. Her son, Garland, former Alamosa yard switchman, is now on the police force there.

Harley Gilleland, brakeman, is enjoying the fruits of his elk hunting trip as are many other railroaders and non-railroaders of the valley.

Duck and pheasant hunting has been fair this fall around here. Open weather has made it difficult to sneak up on fowl and animals. Some hunters report geese being killed and left on the ground near refuge areas.

Absence of Jim Pearce, road foreman of equipment, is being noticed the last few weeks but all he will admit to is that Monarch Branch has some steep grades and sharp curves.

Colorado Springs

By Jim Kennedy

Frank Enright, conductor, enjoyed his last week of vacation for this year by pheasant hunting and visiting relatives at Denver. E. S. Lindsey, chief clerk, hunted pheasants and had a good rest on his two-week vacation. R. R. Evans, working foreman, also had good luck pheasant hunting over a recent week-end.

Don Curtis, clerk, is enjoying a four-week vacation by resting, visiting his daughter at Durango and getting ready for Christmas.

H. B. Nicholas, conductor, who has been off with a leg injury, was a recent visitor at the office. Harry Olson, retired operator, was also a recent visitor and seems to be enjoying his retirement.

Grand Junction

By Almeda Flint

Congratulations to Armella Arcieri, daughter of Carman Arnello Arcieri, who was one of two Grand Junction High School seniors chosen as outstanding students in recognition of National Youth Appreciation Week, Nov. 10-16. Each area high school selected a most representative boy and girl. These students were honored at an Optimist Club dinner at the Holiday Inn. Armella has been a delightful entertainer at many Rio Grande functions.

For those who occasionally inquire, Mabel Hartman, former steno-clerk, has served as president of the local chapter of the American Legion Auxiliary for the past year. In a recent issue of the local newspaper, Mabel was shown icing one of the cakes to be served during a benefit smorgasbord, sponsored by that organization.

Ray Cheedle had a change of plans Sunday, Nov. 16. He was scheduled to take pictures during the Vets Club potluck dinner, but instead, he became quite ill and had to be rushed to the emergency room at St. Marys Hospital because of a bleeding ulcer. Happy to report he is back home and feeling much better.

Clarence Greene, asst. section foreman, is home after hospitalization. Pleased to report that Mrs. Dean Pope is able to get around after recent surgery. Mrs. Jim Brockett feels much better after nose surgery. Wishes for a quick recovery are sent to Mrs. Art Black at Denver.

There are several new grandfathers here. Jerry Leonard, switch foreman, has a grandson; Bert Keele, road foreman has a grandson (Larry Gilbert, fireman, is the proud father); and Louis Petrafeso's daughter presented him with a grandchild. Imagine Louis as a grandpa.

George Green, secretary, vacationed in Arizona where he attended his niece's wedding at Flagstaff, before journeying to Las Vegas and visiting other relatives. Ione remained at Grand Junction to be with her mother. Darwin Lombardi and wife also vacationed at Las Vegas, visiting relatives, they said. Tom Lynch, agent, is taking a restful vacation just staying home.

Tom McHugh, retired conductor, and wife spent the Thanksgiving holiday with their son and family in Nevada. Mrs. W. F. Sydenham is visiting her granddaughter near Colorado Springs and getting acquainted with her latest great-granddaughter born Nov. 2.

Harry Mott, Sr., retired conductor, has been busy restoring a 1912 Conductor and Trainman's Seniority List which someone had given him in a rather tattered-and-torn condition. He has had several requests for copies of the list. Harry also has a hobby of saving pictures and write-ups on former railroad acquaintances which go into a scrapbook.

Congratulations and wishes for years of happiness to our newest bride-

grooms and their brides, the Jess Markles and the Lee Rogers.

Gordon Weaver, son of Roy "Bud" Weaver, telegrapher, is a new clerk here.

Condolences to Victor Sacco, fireman, on the loss of his father.

Ruth Anderson will work as steno in the Chief Dispatcher's office while the reporter and husband, Harry, drive to Portland, Ore., for the last two weeks of vacation.

Congratulations to Mike Davis, asst. trainmaster, and wife on the birth of a son. A hint to Mike, which I'm sure won't surprise him, the candy and cigar boxes were empty when they reached Grand Junction.

Dear Ed:

Now that I have received my last paycheck, I can say that I have retired.

I haven't had the opportunity to shake the hand of each each of you to say "Thank you" for all the loyal support given me during the past 26 years which kept me on the job.

I hope to continue to live among you and count each one I ever worked with as my friend. Would also like to thank those who contributed to the purchase of new golf clubs for me.

F. H. Green

Helper

By Dom Julliano

Pleased to have Phil Anderson, clerk, back to work after a seige of illness.



During the recent hunting season, Gary Mills, and Norman Day, clerks, bagged two beautiful geese. One was 10 lbs. and the other was 9 lbs.

George Zamantakis, manager of the R G Basketball Team, has submitted the following roster: Wayne Dimick, Mike Kanderis, Carrol Riddle, Matt Kloepper, Mike Zamantakis, Norman Day, Gary Mills, Roland Perri, Steve Powell, Willie Ellington, Bob Buffalow, Richard Pagano, Chuck Ghiradelli and Gene Twehouse.

They played their first game of the season, Dec. 1, and won by a score of 65 to 59. First night casualties were one sprained wrist, one sprained ankle, one nearly broken nose and five exhausted. Looks like you need more practice in shaping up, George.

J. D. Karr, clerk, had a horse who was allergic to hay. What do you do with a horse who can't eat hay? Sell him to your brother-in-law, of course.

John Daskolas and wife, Phyllis, spent three days at Las Vegas. John has made no comments so it is assumed he joined the ranks of the losers.

All employees are reminded to make their reservations for the Vets' New Year's Party. Reservations are coming in so, don't be left out.

Motor Way

By J. P. Walsh

Denver

Sandy Fisher, key punch operator, is looking forward to a visit from her uncle. He is to arrive soon from Moscow, Russia.

B. S. Adams is vacationing in Phoenix, Ariz. Helen Jensen, payroll clerk, enjoyed a visit from her cousin, Sten-Owe Ottosson, from Stockholm, Sweden. He was touring the United States, studying this country's rail and truck operations.

Aileen James is filling in at the desk of Joanne Gray, who is on leave of absence. Dorothy Geppi is working extra in the Accounting Dept. She reported a very fine trip to California with interesting stops at Phoenix and Las Vegas. Suzi Moor, secretary, reports an enjoyable trip home to Oklahoma City for Thanksgiving.

Gunnison

Ben Eden, terminal manager, is back on the job after a short stay in the hospital.

Leadville

Welcome to Jim Smutz as terminal manager here. Jim moved his family from Denver to Leadville to take over the agency during the first week of December.

Provo Vets Club

By Bob Wright

There were 55 in attendance at the Vets Thanksgiving Party. They enjoyed a tasty turkey potluck supper with all the trimmings after which a game of Monte Carlo Whisk was played.

The winners of the games received prizes. Winners were Catherine Russell, Winnie Johnson, Charlotte Johnson, Ed Hutton, Earl Stupeck and Glen Russell.

The Vets' Christmas Party will be held at the Utility Building in Provo at 7:00 p.m. Dec. 18. A large attendance is expected at this party to help celebrate the holiday with the traditional Christmas spirit.

NARBW Will Meet

By Esther Dobberteen

The National Association of Railway Business Women will hold their Christmas dinner meeting on the 14th floor of the Petroleum Club, 110 16th Street in Denver on Wednesday, December 17.

Social hour will be at 6:30 P.M. with dinner at 7:00 P.M. There will be a program and Christmas music.

Rio Grande

Salida Comments

By Maribee*

"Pepper" likes to check the board with his master. He is a cute black chihuahua who makes a lot of noise for his small size. The lively mini-dog is the pride and joy of Trainman Garland Shepherd. When Pepper's master is not working or checking the board, he is busy practicing with or without the four-piece band of which he is a member and plays the bass fiddle, the xylophone and throws in an occasional solo or two. The group receives many out-of-town requests for their services.

Now that winter is here, N. J. "Swede" Morrison, conductor, spends as much time as possible outdoors with the snowmobiles he owns. He enjoys taking a friend's children out for drives in the machines.

The I. Knotts of Minturn, his home terminal as engineer, enjoy visiting with their daughter, Mary Carolyn, who is doing graduate work at the university in Las Cruces, New Mexico. She was awarded a fellowship in speech and audiology. She has been speech pathologist in Gallup, New Mexico for six years after receiving her degree at Colorado State College at Greeley.

Leonard T. Clark, Minturn agent, while on sick leave, had a college atmosphere to go with his recuperation. Mrs. Clark is a proctor, more commonly known as house mother, at Colorado Mountain College at Leadville. CMC has a mixed enrollment of local students with some as far away as the Mariannas Islands, making the job an interesting cross-study of people. The Clarks occupy an apartment at the college dorm. A student became confused on the proper name of the Clarks and introduced Leonard to a fellow student as Mr. Proctor.

"Rip" Heister's home will be a merry one at Christmas time with his daughter, son-in-law and two grandchildren there from Albuquerque. Rip isn't going to miss the merriment as he is taking the final week of his vacation for the year at that time.

L. L. Richie, B&B foreman, has joined the ranks of the antique collectors. His specialty is barbed wire. Even he was surprised to learn, when beginning the hobby, that there were so many different types of barbed wire involved in building the west. He has a nice collection of the various types neatly attached to a board with their history.

Many do not know that Chester Chambers, Pueblo, conductor, is a former newspaper printer and knows a lot about the business. He still maintains a deep interest in the business through reading "Publisher's Auxiliary" and talking to persons in the business. His wish is that Santa Claus would bring him a small press so that he might use his spare time to print his own Christmas cards and other personal printing. Chester became a railroader because the confining atmosphere of an indoor occupation did not agree with his health. Railroadng gave him a chance to be out in the open.

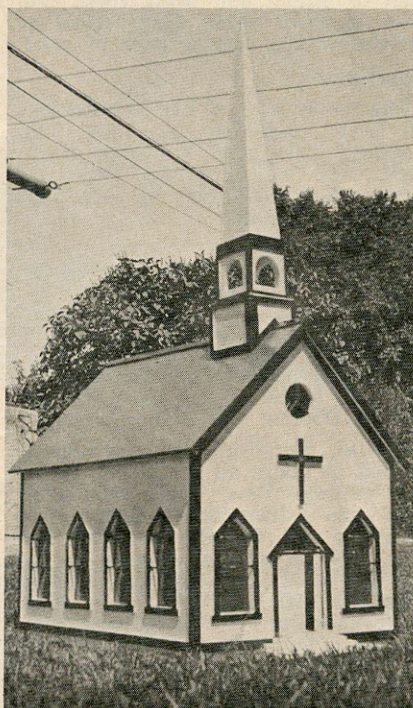
Other food favorites of the engineer, electrical, that is, who puts milk in his chili, are beans with ham and cornbread. The information is to acquaint the men with what must constitute "brain food" despite the reputation of fish in this category, and this gent is a "brain" in his department.

Maybe Merle Treat will get to wear her new dress, now one year old, this Christmas or New Year's. She bought the dress for the New Year's Ball of 1968. Jack had to work New Year's Eve. Surely she would get to wear it to the Sweetheart Ball. No such luck, Jack had to work. Come November and the Charity Ball. Two calls for three, the dress is still hanging in the clothes closet unused. Jack wouldn't even get sympathetic. His answer, "Look how much money I save buying her dresses." Merle should get even by making sure he buys her one for Christmas anyway. You may guess who is nicknamed the "Black Cat" in Salida.

*Mary B. Cassidy

Pueblo

By Gluda Fonda



BUILDING THINGS is a hobby of William E. Clawson, asst. yardmaster. The church above has stained glass windows, flag pole, a bell in the belfry and is painted white with green trim. The church was built for his aunt, Mrs. Hester O'Donnel, who is worthy matron of an Eastern Star Chapter at Ordway. Her theme this year is Church and Flag.

Ruth Brown, clerk, entertained her daughter and family from Amarillo over Thanksgiving. Ruth is driving a new 1969 Oldsmobile, the lucky girl.

Marshall Henson is recuperating at home from a knee operation. He is getting along nicely; although he still cannot walk to well.

Eddie Forest, son of data processing

supervisor, Don, and wife were home for the holidays. Eddie is a former clerk and is now in Uncle Sam's Army stationed at Atlanta, Ga.

Sincere sympathy is extended to George Henry on the loss of his wife.

Congratulations to Charlie Sartin on his recent appointment as general car foreman.

Bill Easton's house has a new paint job inside and out which was done during his vacation. His wife took her vacation, too. Wonder if that was so she could supervise.

Leo Wallace, switchman, is sporting a new car. He says it's been a long time coming.

Al Groves had minor surgery recently but is doing well. Oscar Scott, asst. yardmaster, is back to work after a lengthy illness. He says he feels better now than he has in years.

Sam Ferraro, switchman, and wife spent their vacation in Hawaii. From all indications, he thinks that is the place to go for anything and everything.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all from everyone at Pueblo.

North Yard

By Cathryn Hedges

Your reporter just returned from a four-week vacation in October. What does an Eskimo do on his vacation?

Condolences to P. L. Phillips, engineer, whose youngest son passed away November 11.

A. J. Duran, Fruit Growers Express employe, retired November 28. Wish him and his family a long and happy retirement.

Bill Bingaman, switchman, has been off work some time due to illness. Wish him a good bill of health soon.

Salt Lake Vets

By F. C. Krauth

The Salt Lake City Vets' Club Thanksgiving Party was a great success. Everyone who attended enjoyed themselves immensely. A big thanks to the officers, board members and their wives for their untiring efforts. M. A. Yates was in charge.

A group from the Ogden Vets Club joined in for this gala party.

C. L. Crawford is still in the hospital. He is improving, according to last reports. A speedy recovery is wished for him.

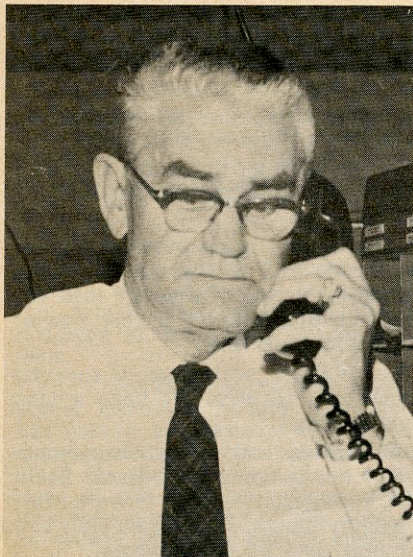
The Christmas Party is the next event coming up and are hoping for a good turnout.

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all of us to all our Rio Grande friends.

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In reclassing all jobs, the company sent out a questionnaire to employes. When the elevator operator received his, he had no trouble answering all the questions except "How much time do you spend at each of your various duties?"

After much pondering, he answered, "Up, 50%; Down, 50%."



Chief Dispatcher Retires

Born in the land of Dixie, educated in Texas and a rail career spanning over 42 years is the life story of J. O. Smith, chief dispatcher at Denver, who retired December 1.

J O, as he is affectionately known, began his railroad career on the Frisco Railroad at Ft. Smith, Ark. in 1924, where he worked until the tough depression years of the 30's caught up with him. He also saw some service on the Santa Fe Railroad.

After a short stint in the Civilian Conservation Corps as a forest clerk, he joined the Rio Grande in 1937 as an agent-telegrapher at Larkspur, Colo. He was stationed at various points on the Grande as an agent-telegrapher or dispatcher. He was appointed chief dispatcher at Denver in 1966.

J O and wife took a 2,000 mile automobile trip through ten states during his vacation prior to his retirement.

He and his wife have planned a special way to begin their retirement. They will sell their two cars, rent their home for the winter while they travel to the west coast by California Zephyr and fly to Tahiti to spend three days in mid-December. They will be in Wellington, New Zealand for Christmas and will tour the various South Sea Islands. While in Sidney, Australia, they will fish for marlin, ride the passenger trains "down under" and terminate this dream vacation in April by the way of the Fiji Island, Samoa and Honolulu.

They are also planning a European trip after their south sea island jaunt.

A luncheon was held in JO's honor at the Colorado Division Office on October 3, his last day of work. He was presented with a travel case and a pair of boots.

Best wishes go with the Smiths and God Speed on their many journeys during their retirement years.

Western Slope Vets

By Bill Easley

Pleased to report over 200 persons attended the covered dish with turkey at the election meeting, November 16. The food was delicious, as nothing can beat good home cooking.

Resume of the year's activities was presented by Bill Easley, president. Financial report was given by Walker Johnston. The following members were elected to the Board of Governors: Bob Rose, George Green, Kenneth Graham, Anello Arcieri, Walker Johnston, Ray Headley, Ray Myers, Mark Graham and O. M. Douglas.

A meeting of the governing board was held, December 3, with the following officers elected for a one-year term to start January 1: Bob Rose, president, Ray Headley, vice president, Bill Easley, secretary-treasurer, and O. M. Douglas, social secretary.

Don't forget the Children's Christmas Party to be held on December 18, 7:00 P.M. at the Grand Junction High School Auditorium. All Rio Grande employes and veterans should plan to attend and bring their children to greet Santa Claus when he arrives with a sleigh load of gifts.

Auxiliary

The newly formed Ladies Auxiliary at Grand Junction is really "Hi-Balling." They have 60 charter members and will consider any Rio Grande lady who joins by Jan. 1 as a charter member.

Officers elected for the coming year are Myrtle Forstrom, president, Norabelle Easley, vice president, Lillian Schoening, secretary, and Rose Johnston, treasurer. Elected to the Governing Board are Ada Headley, chairman, Hortense Papke, Ethel Graham, Nellie Myers, Alice Arcieri, Maude Dooling and June Brooks.

Myrtle Forstrom, president-elect, wished to thank all the ladies of the Rio Grande Vets' Club Auxiliaries who were instrumental in forming the auxiliary at Grand Junction. She also gave a special thanks to the outgoing officers, Maude Dooling, president, Ethel Graham, vice president, and Rose Corcoran, treasurer, for the tremendous job they did.

Denver Vets

By Velma Ackermann

The Vets Club of Denver and Ladies Auxiliary will hold their Christmas Party on December 18 at 76 So. Grove, 7:30 p.m. A gift exchange with entertainment and refreshments will be enjoyed by all who attend, so, let's make this a good one.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to John Schneider who was confined to St. Anthony's Hospital with pneumonia. He had company as his son-in-law, Vincent Kraxberger, was in for surgery at the same time. Frank Marquiss is in Valley View Hospital recovering from surgery. Hope you good folks will get well soon.

There will be no meeting in January. Watch the Green Light for details of the retirement banquet.

A Happy Holiday Season to all!

HOSPITAL REPORT

When sick or hurt, members of the Hospital Association should call 623-8443 in Denver; 243-3545 in Grand Junction; 364-3591 in Salt Lake City, night or day. In other towns, call a Staff Doctor directly. The Hospital Association Pharmacy number in Denver is 623-4981. Dependents and spouses of deceased members may purchase drugs for the same price as a member of the Hospital Association. Ambulance is provided members by Roche Ambulance, 292-2340. Keep this number near your phone. Hospital admissions can be listed here only if they are received from the hospitals.

ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL, GRAND JUNCTION—Fred R. Allen, Jackson B. Arant, Ray Cheedle, Clarence A. Greene, Rodger L. Hendricks, William J. Kelly, George M. Lander, Harland F. Ormsbee, John M. Pierson, Carl A. Politano, Ralph F. Rothlin, Richard L. Schafer, Albert K. Spencer, Harry O. Thomas, Roy K. Wilkinson, Lois M. Williams.

ST. MARY-CORWIN HOSPITAL, PUEBLO—Florence Buchanan, John Ofsanko, Mabel Sachse.

ROUTT COUNTY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, STEAMBOAT SPRINGS—William C. Jones, Joseph J. Nichols.

HOLY CROSS HOSPITAL, SALT LAKE CITY—Dionizio Aguayo, K. Harold Bullock, David R. Christensen, Evelyn Disorbio, Denzil E. Drage, Joseph Frantz, Norma Gilland, George Ghost, George S. Gilbert, Elliott E. Grow, Alfonso Marquez, Carl H. Mogensen, Inez Peterson, Clifford L. Piggee, Wallace D. Price, Harry E. Rugg, Horace S. Young, Sr., Otis Teeter.

GENERAL ROSE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, DENVER—Mrs. Elsie M. Ammon, Mrs. Ruth Turner, George C. Wall.

ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL, DENVER—Alberta G. Chandler, Frank Delio, Herbert R. Dormire, Lee J. Ellsworth, Wm. H. Gibson, Wm. K. Hart, James F. LaGuardia, Clyde E. Long, Joseph L. Lynch, James H. Moon, Albert P. Nawyn, John C. Pounten, Jr., Leonard L. Prater, James H. Prince, Ignacio J. Salazar, Pearl Storms, Elythe M. Rushton, Edward D. Purviance.

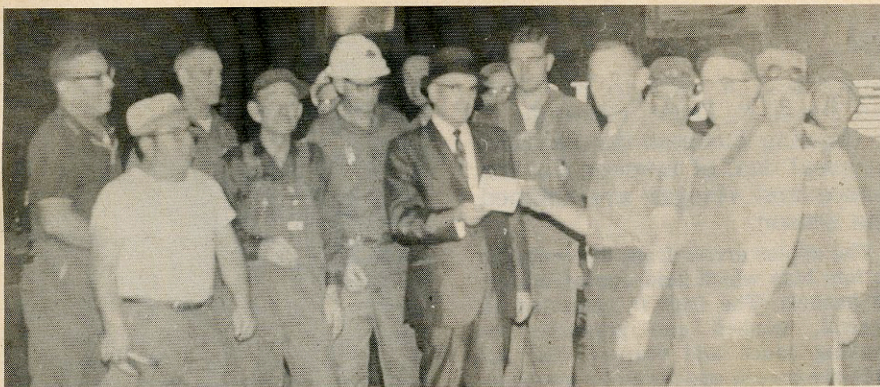
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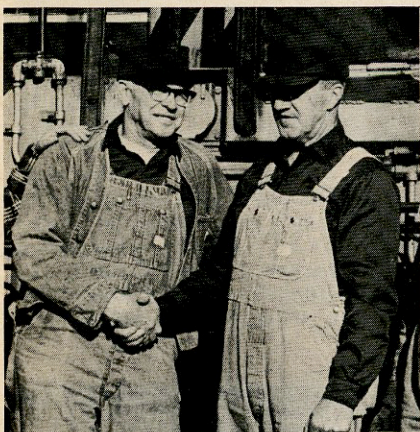
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A. J. DURAN, FGE INSPECTOR at North Yard, center above, retired November 28 with 43 years of railroad connected service. Duran began his career at Alamosa with the ART Co. in 1926, came to Denver in 1943 with that company and became a member of Fruit Growers Express Co. in March 1969. Shown with Duran at his farewell to refrigeration are Hugh Thornsberry, terminal supervisor at North Yard, left, and Lee Roberts, Rio Grande's supervisor of refrigeration. Many employes were on hand to wish A. J. the best during his retirement years and presented him with a going away gift.



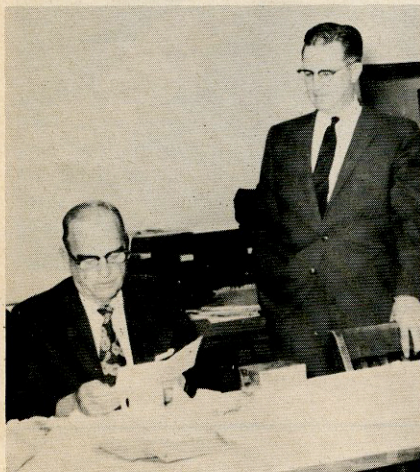
"NIC" ESPINOSA, center, is shown receiving a gift from fellow employees presented by Joe Glasscock, Jr., carman and local chairman, at Burnham following his retirement. Nic had 46 years' service with the Rio Grande in the Car Dept., as well as two years' service with the Oregon Short Line Railroad prior to joining the Rio Grande.



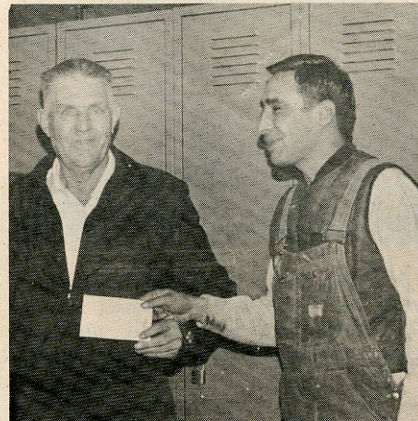
GEORGE BRUDER, engine foreman, left, accepts congratulations from W. L. Gardner, upon his retirement when he "pulled the pin" Oct. 31 at Grand Junction. George began his railroad career working a 12-hour night shift and wound up his career working the night shift, but for only eight hours. George plans to keep in touch with railroad happenings and will spend more time in Lutheran Church activities.



EUGENE HUFFER, hump yard clerk at Grand Junction, center, receives best wishes on his retirement from Dudley Mitchell, left, and Ralph Culver. Gene retired Oct. 31. (Cheedle Photo)



RUSSELL O. BARBER, Utah Division timekeeper, was presented with a Bulova Accutron watch from his fellow employees upon his retirement, Aug. 31. Jim Greener, asst. superintendent, made the presentation.



L. A. "DOC" SPEARS is being presented with a gift from fellow employees by Ernie Garcia, carman, at North Yard as a result of his retirement. Doc worked for the M.K.T., Mo. Pac. and the Union Pacific before joining the Rio Grande as a carman at Burnham in 1936.



HERB BECK, claims inspector at Salt Lake City, is being congratulated on his retirement by J. T. Jenkins, freight agent, on Sept. 30. Beck worked for the Rio Grande 50 years.



MELVIN BEYE, engineer, upon completion of his last run to Grand Junction, was greeted by Frank Green, left, and Mrs. Beye and accepted their good wishes for a long and happy retirement. (Cheedle Photo)

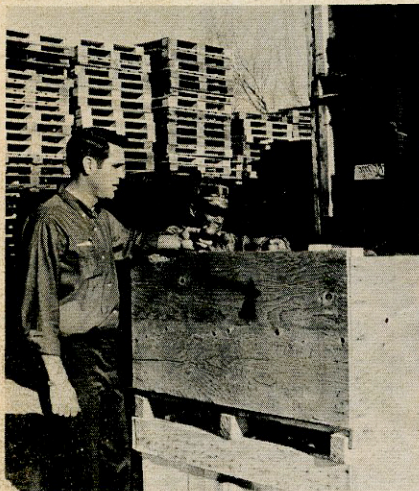


JOHN POUNDEN, purchasing clerk, left, is shown with his boss, Ralph Williams, purchasing agent, at the time of John's retirement on Sept. 30.

It's a Lot of Applesauce!

One hundred carloads of applesauce isn't a term to be taken lightly as it is the product of Skyland Foods at Delta, Colorado.

The apple industry at Delta is a thriving business for Skyland Foods and as a result also produces a great deal of revenue for the Rio Grande. Ten carloads of applesauce and vinegar are shipped each week from this plant during the season.



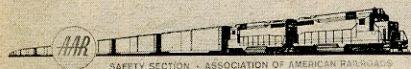
FRED K. BRACKEN, left, fresh fruit inspector for Skyland Foods, looks over the apples as they arrive at the plant. Jack Ray, manager of the field department, right, does the buying.

A woman's greatest asset has always been and always will be a man's imagination.



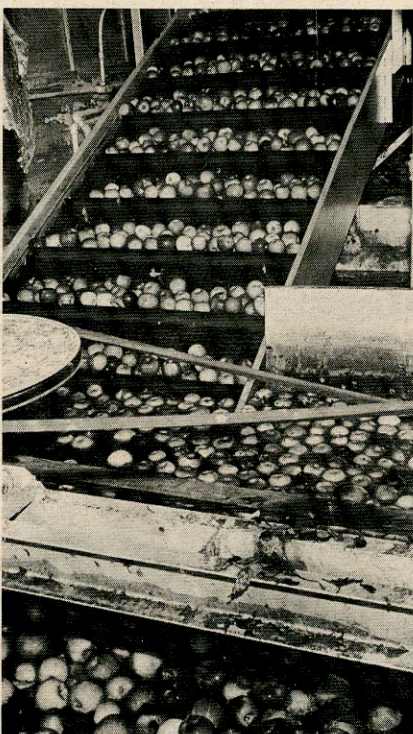
Merry Christmas

We wish for you the best gift, the "safety spirit," to help protect and keep you in the days to come.

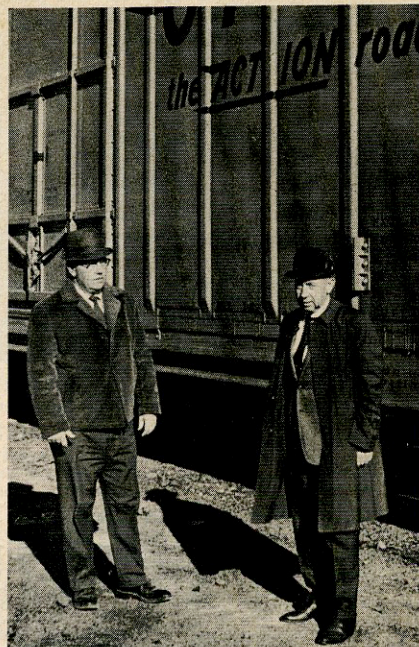


The apples arrive from the orchards in tote bins which hold approximately 20 bushels. The fruit is inspected on arrival, washed and prepared for making sauce and vinegar. The apples are peeled and cored by machine. The peelings and cores will be used in the making of vinegar. The fruit, meanwhile, is inspected for peelings the machine may have missed and is removed by hand. The apples are then chopped into uniform size and sent to the cooker. The canned applesauce is labeled, boxed and loaded into freight cars for shipment to various parts of the country.

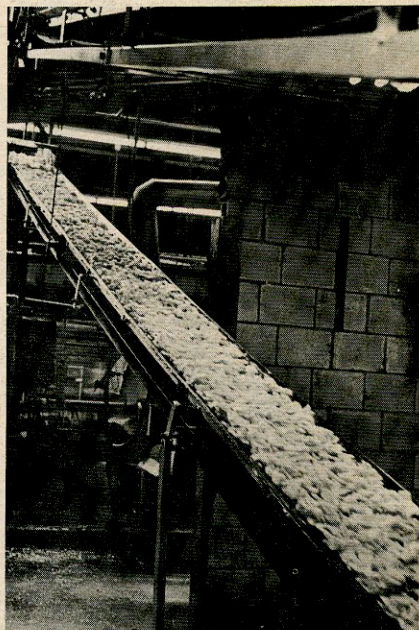
M. E. Simpson, general manager of the plant, said he is well pleased with Rio Grande's Damage Free box cars as their products arrive at their destination in first class condition.



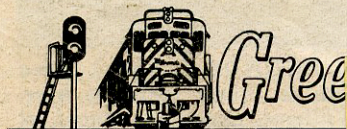
APPLES ARE WASHED prior to being conveyed into the plant where they will be peeled, cored, cooked, canned and made ready for shipment.



M. E. SIMPSON, left, general manager of Skyland Foods, discusses the shipment of apples with Jay Wells, Rio Grande's district manager at Grand Junction. Skyland Foods is one of Rio Grande's prime customers in this area. (Photos by Cheedle)



CHOPPED APPLES of uniform size are shown as they proceed to the cookers.



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